

Bedford County Health Council

Comparison of Data Summary, Community Health Survey, and Behavioral Risk Factor

Problem Identified by Council	Data Summary	Community Health Survey	Behavioral Risk Factor
Drug Abuse	1994-1995, Commitment rate of children to state custody was twice as high as the state and the region	Of 26 respondents, 1 person felt that drug abuse was the most important problem facing the community	Out of 200 respondents, 134 people felt drug abuse was a “definite problem”
High School Dropouts	1993-1994, Dropout rate for the county was 6.3%. The state rate was 4.7%	One person responded that more school programs were needed	Out of 200 respondents, 36 did not graduate from high school (5 of those were under age 30)
Automobile Accidents	Accidents and Adverse Effects are the fourth leading cause of death in the county	Issue was not addressed	Issue was not addressed
Ignorance of Existing Health Resources	Issue was not addressed	Services for the elderly, transportation, mental health services	Transportation was the number one problem in the county, however, Bedford County Senior Citizens provide this service to the total population
Low Weight Births	Low weight births in the county increased from 7.3% to 10.0% since 1992. This is higher than the state and region	Issue was not addressed	Of 200 respondents, 19 people felt that access to prenatal care was a problem in the county
Access to Nursing Homes	Occupancy rate for both nursing homes is 99.2%	Of 27 respondents, 20 felt that nursing home care was adequately available	Of 200 respondents, 37 people felt that access to nursing home care was a problem
Not Enough Assisted Living	Issue was not addressed	One person felt that nursing home care was not sufficient in the county	There is one assisted living program in the county and in 1996 there were only two patient turnovers
Home and Community Based Water Services	Wartrace and Bell Buckle do have a public water system that is optimally fluoridated	Issue was not addressed	Issue was not addressed